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Under the Influence of Intoxicants

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To: House Committee on Rules
From: Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII
Re: Support for HB3000-A

Dear Chair Warner and Vice-Chairs Drazan and Holvey:

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII would like to express its support for HB3000-A and encourage the House Committee on Rules to pass this bill forward.

Specifically to the issue of impaired driving, HB3000-A expands the definition of cannabis to include all impairing derivatives, such as Delta-8 and Delta-9 THC, substances found in Oregon impaired driving arrests and an increasing number of roadway fatalities.

Currently, Oregon does not have an "Any Impairing Substance" statute as most states do. The only categories that presently allow for a DUII charge are intoxicating liquor, controlled substances (as scheduled), inhalants and cannabis. This means that if a newly synthesized impairing substance, or a newly legalized substance (such as psilocybin in Measure 109), it must be added individually to Oregon's statutes.

HB3000 includes all impairing derivatives of cannabis, not limited just to the well-known Delta-9 THC. This eliminates the patchwork of laws that have led to impairing cannabinoid synthetics and newly developed substances from applying to DUII.

Oregon roadway fatalities from drug-impaired driving have taken a sharp upward trajectory in the past few years and every reasonable effort to prevent these tragedies should be explored. HB3000 is a step in the right direction and the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII encourages the passage of this bill. The GAC-DUII appreciates the partnership with the Legislature on this issue and we offer any assistance needed to that end.

Best regards,

Chuck Hayes
Chair, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII